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1. REFTEL BEING REPEATED TO ACTION ADDRESSEES.

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EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER RECENTLY ANNOUNCED INTENTION OF

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN TO ACQUIRE BY PURCHASE OR EXPROPRIATION THE ASSETS OF "SOME OR ALL" OF THE FIRMS ENGAGED IN POTASH MINING AND PROCESSING IN THE PROVINCE. THE POTENTIALLY AFFECTED COMPANIES INCLUDE SIX SUBSIDIARIES OF US COMPANIES AS WELL AS SUBSIDIARIES OF COMPANIES IN ACTION ADDRESSEE HOST COUNTRIES. LATTER GROUP CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING:

- A. US BORAX AND CHEMICAL CORP., A UNIT OF THE RIO TINTO ZINC CORP., LONDON;
- B. HUDSON BAY MINING AND SMELTING COMPANY, A UNIT OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN GROUP OF SOUTH AFRICA;
- C. ALWINSAL POTASH OF CANADA LTD., A PRIVATE COMPANY CONTROLLED BY FRENCH AND WEST GERMAN INTERESTS.
- 3. ACTION ADDRESSES REQUESTED TO INFORM APPROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF USG DEMARCHE TO GOC, AND TO INQUIRE AS TO WHAT ACTION, IF ANY, THEY ARE TAKING OR CONTEMPLATING IN THIS MATTER. INGERSOLL

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